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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF UNITED CAMPESINO FRONT

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1. ANACH, UNC AND FECORAH, THE THREE MAJOR CAMPESINO ORGANIZATIONS, AGREED TO FORM A UNITED CAMPESINO FRONT IN ORDER TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT INTO A FASTER DISTRIBUTION OF LAND. A DOCUMENT WAS DRAWN UP BY THE THREE GROUPS AND HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR AND THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL IN THAT REGARD. THE GROUPS AGREED THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT INITIATE ACTION TO RESPOND TO CAMPESINO DEMANDS BY OCTOBER 25 THE GROUPS WOULD TAKE "THE ACTIONS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE".

2. THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN INSTITUTE (INA) AND THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN COUNCIL HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS IN RECENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAYS CONCERNING PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE AGRARIAN REFORM.

THE MAJOR PROBLEM DISCUSSED BY THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WAS
HOW TO ACCELERATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF LAND.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONFRONTED
WITH INCREASING PRESSURES ON THE PART OF THE CAMPESINO
GROUPS TO SPEED THE PACE OF LAND DISTRIBUTION. THEIR
THREAT TO TAKE "APPROPRIATE ACTION" UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSES
THE GOVERNMENT TO RECALL THE RESULTS OF THE UNC AGITATION
EARLY IN THE YEAR WHICH RESULTED IN A HUNGER MARCH THAT
ENDED IN THE OLANCHO KILLINGS. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT
THE CAMPESINO ORGANIZATIONS WILL RESORT TO LAND INVASIONS
TO PRESS THEIR CLAIMS. THE MILITARY WOULD THEN BE FORCED
TO EJECT THEM FROM THE INVADED LAND IN THE NAME OF LAW AND
ORDER. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SUCH AN ACTION WOULD BE A
FURTHER DESTABILIZING FACTOR IN THE PRESENT UNSETTLED SITUA-
TION CONFRONTING THE COUNTRY.
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